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## Testimonials

Carmen reminds us of Victoria Stillwell in the TV program "It's Me or the Dog." We like training with treats and reinforcing with positive behavior, which is why her methods produce good positive results. She gave us lots of good ideas with our dog and is very patient and loving. It's all about training us too you know.

— Jacki and Bobby Duncan, & Miley

My dogs had no training and were very dominating. Carmen has taught myself and my dogs over the past couple months, starting with simple commands and then advancing. She is extremely knowledgeable and understands how to work with my dogs, focusing on their specific needs. She has taught myself as much as my dogs in understanding how to communicate better with them and techniques in training. The handouts are especially helpful guidelines in assisting me to train on my own. Her expertise is invaluable. Thank you Carmen! Tova and Osa love you too.

— Denise Langford, Tova & Osa

I worked with Carmen over my dog's extreme paw-sensitivity issues (around nail trimming). She gave me concrete, down-to-earth advice on how to work with him, as well as providing information about the psychology behind that training. We got written summaries of our sessions and homework to help keep us on-track. After five sessions with Carmen and lots of patience and ongoing work with my pup, he allows me to trim nails gently and safely. If we hadn't moved out of the area, we'd be working with Carmen in training classes still.

— Dr. Louise E. Sivak & Tristan

We were very impressed with Carmen's ability to identify our dog's psychological issues & problem behaviors right off the bat. During our training sessions, she listened carefully to our concerns, maintained flexibility, exhibited great patience, and kept us on track toward our overall goals. She provided helpful handouts as well as counseling by phone and email when we needed it, and even came to our home so we could work on territorial aggression. Carmen has the credentials to rehabilitate problem pets, but her ability to explain the facts in a very professional, objective and kind-hearted manner is what really helped us get through the challenges and tough decisions we faced after adopting an aggressive dog.

— Mindy and Steve Pascuzzi, & Regis

Thank you so much for the training notes. They really keep me focused and able to follow a course. The magical pull toys you have suggested worked like magic. I really respect how you are sorting me out with Granite. It is such a terrific help, and now I feel I am getting the help and control I need so badly. Thank you for your time and patience, especially with me.

— Anne Marie Ehrentraut & Granite

If you need a pleasant professional to assist with training, understanding and managing your loving canine friend, Carmen is highly recommended. Her energetic style keeps your pet focused and helps them to learn the boundaries of your lifestyle. Thank you for all you did for us!

— Craig and Kathy Logan, & Cooper

Sure appreciate your energy and unwavering patience with puppy after puppy! You help to lay a foundation for SO many puppies and people to build on! It makes a huge difference in the canine community of our region! Appreciating you,

— Sue Anderson & Siri

Carmen really knows how to teach people as well as animals. I can't thank you enough for making Buster so special to us.

— Chris Lamia & Buster

We learned so much from Carmen during our training sessions for Henry!! She is patient, knowledgeable and passionate about helping people become better pet owners, which in turn, makes the whole family and pet(s) happier. We have more confidence as Henry's owners now, then ever before, and love having all the handouts she sent home at our fingertips. THANK YOU!

— Jackie Heronema, & Henry

Thank you so much for your positive energy, encouragement and help in moving forward to have a good relationship with our dogs and help them live in our world in a much better way. We want you to know how much we appreciate you!!! You are so good.

— Lori and Charlie Kitchin, Lu & Pepper

Carmen, thank you for all that you've taught us so far. I'm constantly being told what a wonderful, well-mannered dog I have. I could not have done it without your guidance.

— Sarah Owens & Ryder

We're lucky to have found you.

— Juliet Doty & Tater Tot

Please keep us on your email list for future classes. They are a hoot to say the least!

— Doug Smith & Rudy

Hank has come a looong way, thanks to you, and we appreciate it."

— Mike Hill & Lisa Davis and Hank

We went to an awesome training class (at Cascade Pet Camp) with an awesome teacher (Carmen). Our teacher Carmen did an excellent job of making sure we could keep up with the class."

— Min DeVaney (10-years-old, in a story she wrote for school) & Deacon

Carmen does a wonderful job teaching and is clearly very skilled at teaching. We are extremely impressed by your professionalism, presence, and consistency with both the dogs and the humans. We have learned so, so, so much from you and the classes and feel extremely grateful for this service. It has made our experience with Barlow worlds better.

— Lauren Fein & Barlow

Carmen is excellent! Dixie & I learned a lot and Carmen's experience with small dogs was extremely helpful!

— Angie Williamson & Dixie-Mae

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I wanted to tell you that Jasmine is doing much better now with her leash manners thanks to things I have been learning from you. We have also had good luck training while walking past our neighbor's cat, which is great!

— Michelle Lyons & Jasmine

Thank you for the class (advanced outdoor recalls). I like the way you teach and interact with both the dogs and us humans! I'll definitely call you for some one-on-one at my house.

— Cindy Stephens & Gu

Your training methods are terrific. I practice the methods you trained me previously 2-3 x daily with wonderful success!

— Dale Tupper & Felisha

Carmen, we appreciate all your help and expertise. You were great with us and Zeke.

— Hallie & Terry Bradley, and Zeke

Thanks so much for the valuable training and training tools we received over the last 6 weeks, and for all the time and energy you put into each class. Your expertise shows! We just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate you!

— Will and Roxanne McClure & Coya 03/12

I was so impressed with your puppy class and your methods of training. They were just fantastic and I couldn't be happier that we got to have this experience!!

— Lisa Hauge & Clover

I am very pleased with the progress this class has provided for Beau. We are both happier!

— Joan Benedict, & Beau

Carmen, I want you to know you are awesome. You are so supportive I really appreciate it. Hazel has come a long way since I got her!

— Pam Baker & Hazel

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— Jackie Heronema, & Henry

We started our puppy Becsi with puppy class, and continued with the companion dog class and several in-house training sessions with Carmen. This was not our first dog, but it has been the best training experience we have had, and we have been empowered to help our dog become well behaved and responsive in a loving, constructive manner. Thank you, Carmen.

— Nate and Olivia Ullrich, & Becsi

Our 8 1/2 year Schnauzer (Max) was having some behavior problems due to a bad experience he had suffered at the hands of a new groomer. After having him checked at our Vets office they suggested we try taking him to Carmen work to see if she could figure out the problem. Well anyway with some training and a wonderful attitude from Carmen, he has improved so much!! We are thrilled with the results of her training.

— Ava and Laurance Kerr, & Max

From obedience to tricks to socializing with other dogs, Carmen's guidance in training our Border Collie Patches was indispensable.

— Ruth Chausse, & Patches

From our time with Carmen, we got excellent answers to our particular problems, and we were able to make a distressing situation manageable.

— Jan & John Nelson, & Sydney

Carmen is very patient and supportive with both pets and pet parents. She assessed the issues, formed a plan, and taught us how to work with our sweet dog Midge to resolve problems in her behavior. Carmen even consulted with us over the telephone after an unpleasant biting incident. The classes are organized, supported with great handouts, and personal guidance from Carmen.

— Chuck and Rena Andrews, & Midge

We have been raising and/or adopting dogs for over 30 years, but we still learn new things in Carmen's classes. She stays current on the latest and most effective training techniques -- as a result, we have happier and better behaved dogs. Highly recommend Carmen and her training classes.

— Andy and Pam Schwandtner, Maya & Dasher

We can't tell you what a difference Carmen made for us. She taught us a lot and gave us hope after a very difficult situation. What most impressed us was Carmen's ability to explain dog behavior in a way that as humans we could relate to our own responses to situations. She helps you understand how dogs think and react and how to get them to focus on you through positive reinforcement. She gave us some very helpful written guidance to take home as well. We highly recommend Carmen.

— Marilyn Holt and Robin Harris, Chai & Uma

Carmen was great — very clear, very supportive.

— Bev Hitchman & Pica

After having been attacked twice by large, aggressive dogs, my Pomeranians were very skittish when going on walks and naturally I was, too. Lego, Indy and I took some private training classes from Carmen, and through her skill and expertise I learned how to act for the safety and comfort of my dogs in uncertain and even threatening situations. We now enjoy the great outdoors together without a care. Thank you, Carmen, for putting our dogs back in our walks!

— Katherine Arbon, & Lego & Indy

We sought help for Cali, because she bit four people in our family, two of them toddlers. Carmen helped us to understand Cali's behavior and taught us training exercises we could do with Cali. Since working with Carmen, Cali listens better, responds to our commands quicker, and remains calmer during moments of excitement, like when someone walks past our house or comes to visit, or we return home after being gone.

— Jenny & Paul Fiore, & Cali

Everything we've learned from Carmen has been taught clearly and with a real-world application. If you're analytical, she can tell you the "how" and the "why." And if you've got a lot you want to cover, she's written volumes of training worksheets that explain more, so you can get the most out of your time with her. We still look at her worksheets if we need to spruce up on a recall or a leave it. Our dog Piper loves her and we do too!

— Nicole & Todd Anderson, & Piper

Because I had never owned a dog before, I really appreciated Carmen's wealth of knowledge and deep experience of all things canine. She provided helpful, reliable information and guidance on our journey to dog ownership and appreciation.

— Jamie and Tabitha Anderson

I was so frustrated with my dog Elo and afraid of his aggressive behaviors. Carmen was able to show me how my old training habits were confusing, educate me on how to read Elo's body language to understand him better, and work with me to develop a stronger relationship with Elo built on trust. Carmen used a variety of teaching tools and I found her session summaries, individualized training homework and handouts incredibly useful. She was also available via email for questions that popped up in-between sessions. I was able to apply what I learned to our 2nd dog as well and even helped out with family member's dogs over the Thanksgiving holiday. I now feel empowered with Elo and I know how to rehabilitate his fears so that he is no longer showing signs of aggression. In fact, I've received compliments on his behavior from guests staying at our house! Thank you Carmen!

— Andrea Pacheco & Elo

Excellent, cost effective advice and training tips for my Jack Russell, and more importantly his owners!

— John Phillips & Freddie